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PETA says it is going on a new offensive against McDonald's, this time over the most humane way to kill a chicken. **AP FILE**



PETA takes on Golden Arches

Method of chicken slaughter at heart of debate

Chicago Tribune

Nine years after calling a truce with McDonald's, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says it is going on a new offensive against the Oak Brook-based fast-food giant, this time over the most humane way to kill a chicken.

Should chickens be knocked unconscious with a jolt of electricity and then have their throats cut, the conventional method of slaughter in this country? Or should they be gassed, a practice used to some extent in Europe?

PETA, known for its in-your-face protest style, claims the latter induces less suffering. So it's taken its cause to the U.S. chicken industry's biggest customers, including McDonald's and KFC.

PETA has been waging war against KFC since 2003 with its "Kentucky Fried Cruelty" campaign, boycotting the firm, staging thousands of protests at KFC restaurants and using shock tactics like dousing company executives in fake blood.

KFC has refused to give in.

"When PETA protests our restaurants, we have to add additional staff because sales actually increase while they're there," the company said in a statement to the Tribune.

Still, KFC franchisees in Canada, representing about 750 restaurants, agreed last year to begin buying chickens from suppliers that use the gas slaughter method.

Now, PETA is turning its attention to McDonald's.

Expect a boycott and the KFC treatment from PETA at McDonald's, starting with a planned protest Monday featuring rock star Chrissie Hynde at the big McDonald's in River North, the organization says. PETA is largely reinstating the "McCruelty" campaign it last used against McDonald's in 2000.

McDonald's made major animal welfare changes in 2000, changes it insisted had nothing to do with PETA, including auditing slaughterhouses to ensure humane

treatment.

PETA is aiming to pressure McDonald's and KFC into convincing U.S. chicken suppliers to rejigger their plants to the gas method of slaughter. McDonald's has the power to "require that changes be made" by its suppliers, said Matt Prescott, PETA's director of corporate affairs.

McDonald's has studied the chicken issue extensively, including conducting its own tests on the gas method of slaughter, said Bob Langert, McDonald's vice president of corporate social responsibility. "It's not conclusive that it's more humane."

About 30 percent of the chicken McDonald's buys in Europe comes from slaughterhouses that use the gas method. But in this country, the technology hardly exists in the chicken industry.

But there is disagreement even within animal welfare circles over which method should be used.

"There is not definite proof either is more humane," said Marie Wheatley, president of the American Humane Association. "Both technologies are acceptable in minimizing pain and suffering."



What can stimulus do for you?

Associated Press

President Obama is expected to sign his \$787 billion stimulus package Tuesday in Denver. Opponents, including Sen. John McCain, said Obama had backtracked on promises of bipartisanship and was off to a bad start.

Here are some of the changes Americans can expect in their taxes:

» The recovery package has tax breaks for families that send a child to college, purchase a new car, buy a first home or make the ones they own more energy efficient.

» Millions of workers can expect to see about \$13 extra in their weekly paychecks, starting around June, from a new \$400 tax credit to be doled out through the rest of the year. Couples would get up to \$800. In 2010, the credit would be about \$7.70 a week, if it is spread over the entire year.

» First-time homebuyers who purchase their homes before Dec. 1 would be eligible for an \$8,000 tax credit, and people who buy new cars before the end of the year can write off the sales taxes.

» Homeowners who add energy-efficient windows, furnaces and air conditioners can get a tax credit to cover 30 percent of the costs, up to a total of \$1,500. College students—or their parents—are eligible for tax credits of up to \$2,500 to help pay tuition and related expenses in 2009 and 2010.

» Those receiving unemployment benefits this year wouldn't pay any federal income taxes on the first \$2,400 they receive.

» The \$1,000 child tax credit would be extended to more low-income families that don't make enough money to pay income taxes, and poor families with three or more children will get an expanded Earned Income Tax Credit.

AND IN CHICAGO?

Mayor Daley has not released the city's official "wish list" of projects to spend stimulus money on, but reported priorities include repairs to slow zones on the CTA Red and Blue Lines, road resurfacing and bridge repairs. Illinois is due to receive \$1.5 billion for infrastructure projects. **TRIBUNE, AP**



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Bravo for Chuy, the perfect Cupid

Chuy Bravo, Chelsea Handler's sidekick on her show "Chelsea Lately," threw a Valentine's Day bash Saturday night at Enclave. Dressed in a Cupid outfit, he spoke with my intern Kristen Lepore about working with the comedian.

Are you single?

I'm single and ready to mingle.

How did you decide to come here for Valentine's Day?

It's a beautiful state that has opened doors for me, and all of my heart is with Chicago.

How did it open doors?

Well, as you can see ... [Nods at the hot lady sitting in his lap.]

What is it like working with Chelsea?

She's the most beautiful, giving person in the world. She's my angel ... since I met her, my life has changed.

How so?

First of all, she forced me to lose a little weight.

You are always dressed to the nines. Do you have a stylist?

We do have a stylist and she is very professional. I'm into looking nice. I always like to look good.

I read that you were a stunt double. Is that for real?

No. It was a joke.

Wild oats

For all you "Top Chef" fans, Bravo and Quaker Oats have teamed up for a viewer contest called the Quaker Oats Quickfire Challenge. They are asking at-home chefs to submit an original recipe with Quaker Oats to bravotv.com.

Three finalists will be flown to New York City and the winner will have a chance to attend a future "Top Chef" episode.

Chicagoan and Season 4 winner Stephanie Izard is spreading the word. "This competition is a really unique way for fans of the show to get a taste of what it's like to be a 'Top Chef,'" Izard wrote in an e-mail. "Believe it or not, oats are actually a very versatile and exciting ingredient."

Find more details at quickfire.bravotv.com.



SIGHTINGS

Bulls player Ben Gordon dropped in on Old School Night at Underground on Thursday.

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A little dinner, a little b-ball for Obama

Chicago Tribune

President Obama spent at least part of his Sunday in Chicago doing two things he loves to do: play basketball and watch basketball.

Obama spent about two hours on a basketball court at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, where his two daughters attended before the family's move to Washington in early January.

He played four games, with his team losing the final and championship game by a basket.

The president was joined on the court by several Chicago friends, including Marty Nesbitt, Dr. Eric Whitaker and Alan King. White House aides Reggie Love and Marvin Nicholson also played with their boss.

He even had time for a haircut.

After a three-day weekend at home, Obama and his family are scheduled leave for Washington from O'Hare about 10 a.m. Monday.

When the family arrived Friday evening, they took a 15-minute chopper ride past Chicago's skyline to Daniel Burnham Park on the South Side, before a quick motorcade to their Kenwood home.

Obama was expected to watch the NBA All-Star Game at Nesbitt's house.

His on-court ability, meanwhile, was dissected on national TV, when CNN's "State of the Union with John King" asked several current and former NBA stars to review his moves as file video of Obama playing during the campaign was aired.

"He's smart at the game," former Lakers star Earvin "Magic" Johnson said.

Obama's basketball game came the morning after he and First Lady Michelle enjoyed a Valentine's Day dinner at Table Fifty-Two, the Gold Coast spot owned by Oprah Winfrey's one-time personal chef, Art Smith.

Smith, a renowned cookbook author who served Winfrey for 10 years, greeted the couple as they entered the restaurant while fellow diners applauded and cheered.

The Obamas smiled and waved before heading to a private dining room on the second floor, patrons said.

Their meal lasted for about two hours, according to media pool reports.

"Everyone seemed to be in awe. Everyone's phones opened up," said Brandon Byrne, 22, a Northwestern student who was celebrating Valentine's Day at the restaurant.



WHAT NOW?

The CTA and RTA boards of directors will meet this week to learn about the dramatic declines in revenue and begin plotting strategy.

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CTA in the red?

Even after tax and fare hikes, estimated budget hole deepens

Chicago Tribune

The sinking economy is driving Chicago-area mass transit agencies into the ground, according to new data.

The new numbers are so bleak that the "doomsday" service cuts and fare hikes threatened more than a year ago appear mild in comparison to the sweeping measures that would be needed to fill gaping budget holes the CTA, Metra and Pace are facing.

That's the grim scenario, even though riders may be under the impression that recent fare hikes at all three transit agencies have erased funding worries.

Tax revenues the CTA receives for its operating budget are estimated to fall below projections by \$58 million for 2008 when the final figures for December are received, and \$155 million less than targeted for 2009 out of a \$1.3 billion budget, according to Regional Transportation Authority documents obtained by the Tribune.

The RTA also is eyeing big funding reductions in the Metra and Pace budgets. "My first knowledge about these very serious projections that the RTA has

given us occurred this week," CTA Acting President Dorval Carter Jr. said late Friday when asked to comment on an RTA memo dated Feb. 12. "It was surprising."

The total estimated CTA shortfall—\$213 million—dwarfs the \$158 million deficit the CTA faced in its 2008 budget until state lawmakers and Chicago aldermen raised taxes dedicated to transit in 2008, averting a partial shutdown of the agency.

This time, the new numbers would basically shut down the system if the General Assembly or the RTA failed to provide a solution, CTA officials said.

"Clearly we will look at more internal belt-tightening measures, but I don't want to speculate on more fare increases or anything else," Carter said.

State lawmakers thought they fixed the funding problems, at least for five to 10 years, when they voted to increase mass-transit subsidies by boosting the transit portion of the sales tax in the six-county area. Chicago also increased its real estate transfer tax, directing more money to the CTA.

But sales taxes and real estate taxes have plummeted during the economic slow-

down, reigniting the budget crisis.

CTA officials said they will rely heavily on the RTA to provide stopgap funding until the economy recovers from the recession and tax collections increase as part of people spending more money.

"These are choices the individual operators need to make. Other businesses are all in the same boat," said RTA Executive Director Steve Schlickman, adding that the RTA has been meeting with CTA, Metra and Pace officials about the problem since the first of the year.

"It's not like we haven't given them any direction," Schlickman said. "We will be very interested to see what the CTA says at its Wednesday board meeting."

But CTA officials said they have been seeking information from the RTA for six months and warning that the CTA could not belt-tighten its way out of huge tax revenue shortfalls.

"The RTA said, 'Don't worry, we'll take care of this,'" said a CTA official who did not want to be identified. "The RTA wanted more power. Well, they got it, so what are they going to do about the worst doomsday we've ever had?"

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Comparing Olympic bids

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Downsides	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>> Relatively little experience hosting international events>> Only bid city whose governments are not providing complete financial guarantees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>> Hosting of recent Pan Am Games was criticized by some>> Transportation is considered a weakness>> Crime is an issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>> 2012 Games will be held in London, meaning two straight summer Olympics in Europe if Madrid is chosen>> The threat of terrorism is an issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>> Public support has been shaky at times, with only 60 percent backing in one poll; it's now 70 percent, according to the bid book
Operating budget	\$3.3 billion	\$2.8 billion	\$2.7 billion	\$2.9 billion
Projected revenue	\$3.8 billion	Not available	\$2.7 billion	\$2.9 billion

SOURCES: 2016 BID BOOKS. NOTE: OPERATING BUDGET AND PROJECTED REVENUE FIGURES IN 2016 DOLLARS.

2 shot outside Lakeview bar

Two people were shot Sunday outside a Lakeview bar, police said. At least one of the victims and the offenders got into a fight in Mix Bar, 2843 N. Halsted St., until the offenders were thrown out, police said. The victim was shot along with another person about 1:45 a.m. after going outside to continue the fight, police said. Nobody still inside Mix Bar was injured in the shooting.

Major fire on West Side

Firefighters were on the scene Sunday night of a four-alarm fire at the old Washburn Trade High School on the West Side, officials said. Crews were called out to the vacant school at 3100 S. Kedzie Ave. at about 6:30 p.m., said Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. No injuries were reported.

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GOP leader says Burris needs to step down

Just as Illinois was moving past the agony and embarrassment of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's ousting, the fellow Democrat whom Blagojevich appointed to the U.S. Senate was hearing calls for his own resignation Sunday amid allegations he lied to legislators.

Freshman Sen. Roland Burris released an affidavit on Saturday that contradicts his statements last month to a House committee investigating Blagojevich's impeachment.

"I can't believe anything that comes out of Mr. Burris at this point," Rep. Jim Durkin, the impeachment committee's ranking Republican, said at a news conference Sunday. "I think it would be in the best interest of the state if he resigned because I don't think the state can stand this anymore."

Gov. Pat Quinn called on Burris to explain the contradiction.

"My opinion is that he owes the people of Illinois a complete explanation," Quinn said, according to spokesman Bob Reed.

Durkin, the impeachment committee's ranking Republican, and House Republican Leader Tom Cross also want an investigation of Burris for possible perjury.

It's not clear what action state legislators could now take against Burris, said Northwestern University law professor and former Illinois Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch.

"I'm not aware that anything quite like this has happened in any state before," she said.

Burris said Sunday he didn't have any inappropriate contact with Blagojevich allies about his Senate seat, and he defended his evolving explanation of what happened as an effort to make sure all the information comes out.

He called a news conference to explain why he quietly filed the supplemental affidavit with Illinois House lawmakers that for the first time acknowledged his contacts with five Blagojevich allies, nearly a month after he testified under oath about how he got the Senate seat.

"I conducted myself with honor," Burris said at a combative afternoon news conference, where his attorney repeatedly stepped in to try to answer questions as reporters insisted the senator take the microphone.



ONLINE
For much more on the Burris saga, go to chicagotribune.com/burris.

Plane that crashed near Buffalo was on autopilot

5 BUFFALO The commuter plane that crashed near Buffalo was on autopilot when it went down in icy weather, indicating that the pilot may have violated federal safety recommendations and the airline's own policy for flying in such conditions, a federal official said Sunday.

Steve Chealander, a National Transportation Safety Board member, said the company that operated the flight recommends pilots fly manually in icy conditions. Pilots are required to do so in severe ice.

"You may be able in a manual mode to sense something sooner than the autopilot can sense it," Chealander told The Associated Press in an interview, explaining why the NTSB also recommends that pilots disengage the autopilot in icy conditions.

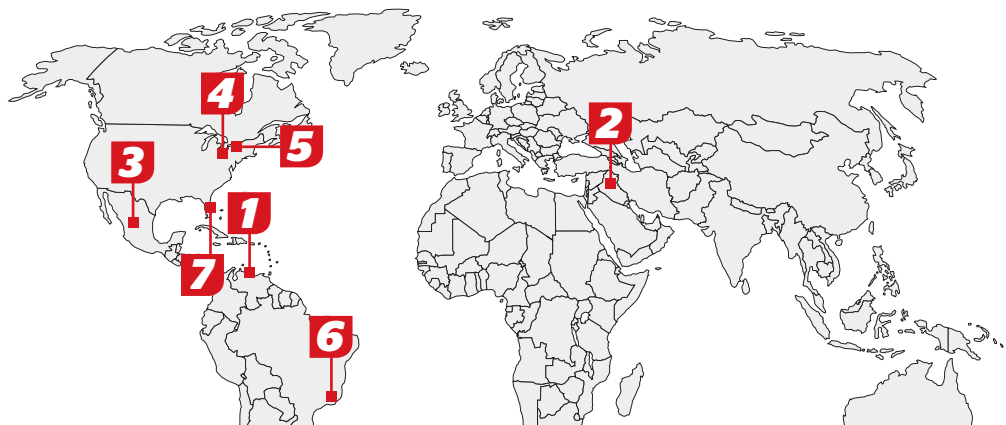
The preliminary investigation indicates the autopilot was still on when the plane crashed, he said. That has not been confirmed by information from the plane's flight data recorder.

The pilots of Continental Flight 3407 discussed "significant" ice buildup on

their wings and windshield just before crashing Thursday night in a suburban neighborhood near the Buffalo airport. Fifty people were killed.

The flight was run by Colgan Air, which operates a fleet of 51 regional turboprops for Continental Connection, United Express and US Airways Express.

In a December safety alert issued by the NTSB, the agency said pilots in icy conditions should turn off or limit the use of the autopilot to better "feel" changes in the handling qualities of the airplane.



Man bitten by rattlesnake sues Wal-Mart

7 FT. LAUDERDALE Wal-Mart is full of signs highlighting low prices, but there should be another warning customers they might be attacked by snakes on the premises, a bitten Hollywood, Fla., shopper says.

Jay Richitelli filed suit because a venomous pygmy rattlesnake bit him in the lawn and garden section of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Pembroke Pines, Fla. He is seeking an unspecified amount in monetary damages, and his attorneys said his medical bills for the attack July 6 could top \$100,000.

Richitelli, 42, was the third Floridian within a three-year span to fall victim to a pygmy rattler—a small, ill-tempered snake—slithering around a Wal-Mart garden center. Two men were attacked in separate incidents in 2006 at stores in Central Florida. Wal-Mart declined to discuss the attack because of the pending litigation.

"The safety of our customers is always the top priority," said Michelle Bradford, a spokeswoman at the chain's headquarters in Bentonville, Ark.

Snake attacks at department store garden centers are rare, said Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Capt. Ernie Jillson, head of the agency's Venom Response Bureau.



PARTY IN THE STREETS

6 RIO DE JANEIRO Revelers take part in the Ceu na Terra, or "Heaven on Earth," pre-Carnival parade Saturday. AP



1 President Chavez for life?

Venezuela President Hugo Chavez won a referendum to eliminate term limits Sunday, according to official results, paving the way for him to run again in 2012 and beyond in what critics fear is an attempt to become president for life. "Today we opened wide the gates of the future," Chavez said. AP

2 Iraq voter fraud

Iraqi officials nullified election results in more than 30 polling stations across the country due to fraud in last month's provincial balloting, but the cases were not significant enough to require new votes, the election chief said Sunday in Baghdad.



Fire victims mourned

Australians mourning the lives lost in horrific wildfires last week sought comfort at churches Sunday even as firefighters continued to battle a dozen blazes still burning in Victoria state. AP

3 Gunmen kill cop, family

Gunmen killed a police officer and 10 members of his family, including five children, authorities in Tabasco, Mexico, said Sunday.

4 Exercised to death?

A woman has pleaded guilty in Chardon, Ohio, to reckless homicide for exercising her 73-year-old husband to death in a swimming pool, repeatedly refusing to let him leave the water.

Octuplet mom's publicist quits

The public relations group that has represented octuplets mother Nadya Suleman is stepping down because of death threats, its president said Saturday.



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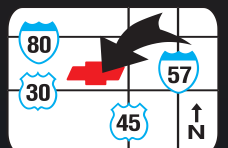
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Kenseth celebrates his biggest victory after rain shortens race

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. The rain finally fell on Daytona, then it took another 20 minutes for the real downpour.

Matt Kenseth, the quiet, unassuming former NASCAR champ who had never been in contention at the Daytona 500, cried as he celebrated the biggest victory of his career in Sunday's rain-shortened running of The Great American Race. It was an unexpected show of emotion for one of NASCAR's most underappreciated stars.

Then again, he'd waited a decade for a legitimate shot at the Super Bowl of stock cars. And the failures and frustrations of late had started to wear on the 2003 series champion, who vented to his wife just the day before the 500.

"I was telling her, 'Man, I'm really getting fed up with not winning, with not being a contender,'" he said. "It was actually starting to weigh on me more than we thought. We haven't been a serious contender for the championship for a few years. To be able to put it all together, be able to win the race, is pretty overwhelming."



TOP 10 FINISHERS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Matt Kenseth | 6. David Ragan |
| 2. Kevin Harvick | 7. Michael Waltrip |
| 3. AJ Allmendinger | 8. Tony Stewart |
| 4. Clint Bowyer | 9. Reed Sorenson |
| 5. Elliott Sadler | 10. Kurt Busch |

Rain hung over Daytona International Speedway all day Sunday, turning the season-opening event into a race against Mother Nature.

Elliott Sadler prayed for the sky to open up when he was out front, but he was answered a tick too late. Kenseth used a huge push from Kevin Harvick to slide past Sadler 54 laps from the finish, and mere seconds before Aric

Almirola spun to bring out a caution.

That's when the rain began, and after two caution laps, NASCAR sent the drivers to pit road to wait out the storm. Most drivers climbed from their cars to await NASCAR's decision, but Kenseth stayed put through the delay.

"I actually am a pretty emotional guy. You guys just don't always really see it," he said. "I just wanted to wait until it was either over or we were going to go race again. I didn't want to let my emotions get too high one way or another."

The race was called after 152 of 200 laps. It was just the fourth rain-shortened 500 in race's 51-year history, and first since Michael Waltrip's 2003 victory.

No one will blame Kenseth if he worries next year NASCAR will allow rain tires and windshield wipers. After all, NASCAR overhauled its championship-deciding system a month after Kenseth's bland 2003 title run.

"Man, I'm going to go paint the town plaid," he deadpanned to a columnist who in 2003 wrote Kenseth has no personality.



Jr. starts big accident

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. Dale Earnhardt Jr. triggered a nine-car accident in the Daytona 500 that knocked rival Kyle Busch out of NASCAR's biggest event of the year.

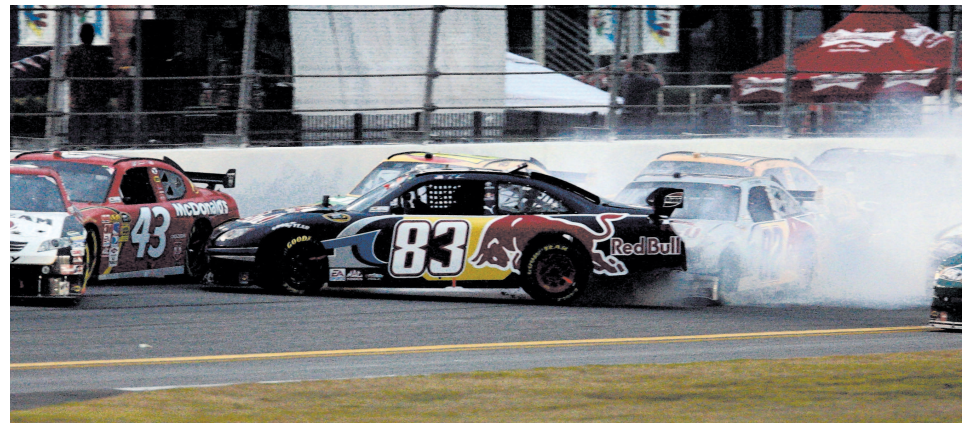
Busch had led a race-high 88 laps before the accident, which came just after a restart with 75 laps to go in Sunday's race.

Earnhardt had just made his second mistake of the day in the pits when he pulled his car too far out of his stall. He was penalized one lap and returned to racing intent on putting himself in position to get back onto the lead lap.

He was racing with Brian Vickers, also a lap down, who blocked the move by pushing Earnhardt down below the yellow out-of-bounds line.

When Earnhardt re-entered the racing surface, he clipped the left-rear of Vickers' car to trigger the accident.

"My goal is to keep Junior behind me," Vickers said. "I went to block him. I beat him to the yellow line, and then he just turned us. To wreck somebody intentionally like that in front of the entire field is really kind of dangerous." AP



Brian Vickers (83) spins and makes contact with other cars as Scott Speed (82), Reed Sorenson (43) and Robby Gordon (left) try to get by. AP



Matt Kenseth celebrates Sunday in victory lane after winning the 500. GETTY IMAGES

FORMULA ONE

Danica-mania headed to Europe?

MADRID An American team will be racing in Formula One next year, and IndyCar driver Danica Patrick is a candidate to fill one of the seats.

USF1, which will be unveiled Feb. 24, will have a staff of at least 100, a working budget of \$64 million and an aim to put two American drivers on the starting grid. The team is looking at several candidates, including Patrick, the 26-year-old from Roscoe, Ill.

"She's great. She gets a lot of press,"

USF1 technical director Ken Anderson told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "[Indianapolis Motor Speedway President] Tony George would probably be pretty mad with me if I took her out of the IRL, but we'll see."

"I don't know if it's something she wants to do. We'd certainly love to test her and go from there."

NASCAR driver Scott Speed, who raced 28 times for F1 team Toro Rosso from 2006-07, also is a candidate.

Conor Daly—son of former F1 driver Derek Daly—and Josef Newgarden also are being mentioned, with both drivers presently competing in European junior categories.

Calls by the AP to motor racing's governing body Sunday to confirm that USF1's entry had been accepted were not returned. **AP**



Patrick

1 V-Day's Rose

It's appropriate that the Bulls' Derrick Rose won the NBA's Skills Challenge on Saturday. It was Valentine's Day. I hope for your sake you remembered.

2 Sneak preview?

Put me on the list of people wanting to see All-Star Amar'e Stoudemire in a Bulls uniform. He can replace ... oh heck ... take your pick. Heck, take six picks or 10 ...



3 Just Cruisin'

Tom Cruise drove a pace car Sunday before the start of the Daytona 500. Cruise played Cole Trickle in the NASCAR movie "Days of Thunder." Hee, hee. Trickle.

4 Just Kiddin'

Cruise's co-star in "Thunder"? Nicole Kidman. She was at Daytona too. And, we've come full circle. Which makes sense considering Sunday was all about going in circles.

5 Only in NASCAR

Fox broadcaster Darrell Waltrip during the race: "We've got a smoker down on the apron." Surprisingly, he wasn't talking about a spectator.

6 Say what?

I kept hearing the term "restrictor plate" during the Daytona 500. I'm confused. I thought that's what the NFL forces John Madden to use at the media center buffet table.

7 Wheel world

Lance Armstrong had one of his competition bikes stolen in California. Now, what would anyone want with a unicycle?

8 Ramble on

Kudos to Loyola for their upset of the No. 15 Butler Bulldogs. I, of course, am saddened to see any type of dogs lose, but I'll look past that for now. Just once though.

9 Out of the Woods

There's talk Tiger Woods might return to golf this month. Besides fans, there is no one happier to hear that than golf itself. People might actually care again.



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Race daze

If there were a race for Five on Five answers, these guys would come in last.



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1 What's a better name for the Daytona 500?	The Daytona Funeral Home.	The Up Your Tailpipe Classic presented by proctologists.biz .	No Matter What You Say. Still the Best Thing on TV on Sunday 500.	Bore Me To Death Race 2000.	The Hard Drive.
2 What would be your strategy in a 500-mile race?	Eat lots and lots of chili.	Avoid the oil slicks and use the mushrooms and turtle shells wisely.	Drive fast, avoid Tony Stewart's fists and use lots of gel to avoid helmet hair.	I'll have to study old "Speed Racer" episodes for an answer to that one.	To avoid the post-race shower of beer. I'm combustible.
3 What talent do you have that makes you an all-star?	I nac klat sdrawkcab sa tsaf sa I nac klat drawrof.	I can play "Three Blind Mice" on a French horn. Agents, the line forms to the left.	I am able to withstand at least 10 minutes in the presence of these guys before throwing up.	You'd be amazed at the number of doughnuts I can fit in my mouth.	Well, for one, I RULE THE WORLD!!!!
4 What did Derrick Rose prove during All-Star weekend festivities?	Nothing we didn't already know.	That the Bulls would be better off surrounding him with buckets and slalom sticks.	He's too good to be on a team so bad.	He's the latest of a long line of great players to play on cruddy Chicago teams.	He can play ball as well as his NBA 2K9 version of himself.
5 What do you need Spring Training for?	Everything but combing my hair.	I call it "liver rehabilitation" but, you're right, "Spring Training" has a much nicer ring.	I've been brushing up on my Paula Abdul speak in preparation for "American Idol."	See answer to No. 3.	Figuring out how to rig baseball All-Star voting.



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HOMETOWN HITS**LOYOLA 71, NO. 15 BUTLER 67**

Freshman Jordan Hicks scored a career-high 23 points and Loyola snapped a six-game losing streak with a 71-67 victory over No. 15 Butler on Sunday.

**NO. 22 ILLINOIS 65, INDIANA 52**

Mike Tisdale and Mike Davis both scored 16 points Sunday and No. 22 Illinois held off Indiana's second-half rally for a 65-52 victory.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

- >> New Jersey 15, Storm 13
- >> Houston 4, Wolves 2
- >> Illinois-Chicago 83, Valparaiso 76
- >> No. 5 Louisville 99, DePaul 54
- >> Michigan 70, Northwestern 67
- >> N. Illinois 83, Akron 79
- >> Illinois St. 67, Drake 45

HIT AND RUN**NBA ALL-STAR GAME**

Western All-Star Shaquille O'Neal dunks Sunday during the NBA All-Star Game in Phoenix. The West beat the East 146-119. **AP**

CYCLING**Armstrong's bike stolen**

Lance Armstrong's time-trial bike has been stolen from the Team Astana truck. It was the night before Stage 1 of the Tour of California. Armstrong finished among the leaders Sunday.

ONE-LINERS

>> David Beckham hurt his hamstring in AC Milan's 2-1 loss to Inter Milan on Sunday. >> Mark O'Meara said Sunday that Tiger Woods looks better than ever and is ready to return to the PGA Tour.

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Athletes can't seem to stay out of trouble, and we can't seem to look away.

Reed has terrible towel reaction

Pittsburgh Steelers kicker Jeff Reed is in trouble with the police over some towels, but not the Terrible kind waved by his fans. Police say Reed threw a temper tantrum Saturday at a Sheetz convenience store in New Alexandria, Penn., because its restroom didn't have any towels. Reed was cited for disorderly conduct and criminal mischief.

WHITE SOX
Guillen
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Ozzie talks steroids

GLENDAL, Ariz. White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen raved about his team's new state-of-the-art Spring Training home on the first day of workouts for pitchers and catchers Sunday. And why not?

It was an easy topic to address with the sun shining over the sprawling 141-acre complex northwest of Phoenix.

"Unbelievable. Spoiled. Great," Guillen said of the park the White Sox will share with the L.A. Dodgers, one that includes a small lake separating the two facilities and a 13,000-seat stadium.

Guillen also had an opinion regarding baseball's most recent entanglement with steroids, especially after Alex Rodriguez's admission he used banned substances.

"I think it's a shame. I think it's something that's a shock. At least he's got the guts and went out and admitted it," Guillen said. "It's something you don't want to come up every spring training talking about the same issue. There are so many things that go through your mind about who's next."

Removing the dark cloud of the steroid era is a nearly impossible task, but Guillen said baseball must make an effort and move forward.

"We should apologize to the fans, truly. I think everybody involved in this game, you have to do something. I think everybody should feel guilty about it. I think everybody should know about it. The thing I worry about, I care, is what happens in 2009 and in the future," Guillen said.

"In 2009, whoever gets caught, do something really drastic about this, and people will start to believe."

Jenks closes the book on writer's allegations

Bobby Jenks' past has been resurrected, but he knows he has behaved in a manner acceptable to the White Sox, on and off the field, since joining the organization in 2005.

That's why Jenks scoffed about stories of his rocky stint as an L.A. Angels minor-league pitcher that have been recounted in a book by Matt McCarthy, a former Angels minor-leaguer who went on to attend Harvard Medical School.

An excerpt from the book published in Sports Illustrated portrays Jenks as a wild, cocky reliever. The author quotes Jenks as telling him to fake a back injury to avoid lifting weights and running. McCarthy also says Jenks suggested his \$175,000 signing bonus was a bargain because he threw 100 mph, and he says Jenks showed up at the park hung over several times.

"He's just trying to jump on the bandwagon of the whole book era right now, and it's a sad attempt," Jenks said. "I couldn't point him out in a room. I didn't know who he was then. I don't know who he is now."

CUBS

Piniella: No predictions this year

Carlos Zambrano predicted a Cubs championship in the spring of 2007, and Ryan Dempster did the same last spring.

On Sunday, manager Lou Piniella predicted no one would make any predictions this spring.

"I told the players: 'No predictions,'" he said. "Let's just go play on the field. What

we need is good performance. You don't have to be great. You have to be really good consistently at what you do, and that's going to be one of the themes of our camp this year."

>> Milton Bradley put in the extra effort Sunday, showing up for batting practice a day before his report date to Cubs camp.

Bradley, 30, signed a three-year, \$30 million contract on Jan. 8. He told reporters he'll talk, "until your tape recorder runs out."

"But you go back five years, harp on what I've done wrong," Bradley said. "I know what I've done wrong. I'm trying to do things right."

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Happy meals

5 burger-and-beer deals that'll have you smiling all the way to the bank



By Vanessa Glavinskaskas

If budget cuts mean you won't be ditching February in Chicago for a cheeseburger in paradise, don't despair. Local restaurants are working hard to get you in the door with burger-and-beer specials, which means you can still afford a night out. And with your budget intact, all you'll have to worry about is what craft beer goes best with that white cheddar burger.

More ways to save

Find more burger deals, free eats and drink specials in our Recession Guide at metromix.com.



One Sixtyblue
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\$4 burgers, \$4 beers

When & where: Thursdays at **One Sixtyblue** (1400 W. Randolph St. 312-850-0303)

The burger: This West Loop spot's signature burger (regularly \$9, pictured) is made from flavorful hanger steak and served with hand-cut fries and a fried pickle. (New chef Michael McDonald likes to give a nod to the building's previous life as a pickle factory, so he batters and fries every memorable spear.) There's no extra charge for cheese, making the price exactly half of what a burger and beer usually cost. The special—and the DJ who hits the decks at 6 p.m.—attracts a younger crowd, so be prepared for a bar scene.

The beer: Choose from two featured bottles, which change weekly. Recent picks include Bell's Amber and Winter White.

Total cost: \$8
Savings: \$8

\$10 Kobe-style burger and a pint

When & where: Daily at **Paramount Room** (415 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-829-6300)

The burger: Made from Kobe-style Wagyu beef, the burger at this River West spot is one of the better versions in town. Paramount's European gastropub atmosphere draws an eclectic crowd (suits or hipsters, depending on the time of day), and we like the fact that you don't have to plan ahead to take advantage of this everyday deal.

The beer: Any of the dozen beers on tap, including picks from Midwestern breweries such as Great Lakes and Founders

Total cost: \$10-\$12 (add cheese for \$1 or fries for \$2)
Savings: \$3-\$5

\$4 mini-burger and beer combo

When & where: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at **Lucky Number Grill** (1931 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-7761)

The burger: Not bad for a buck a burger, this two-burger special attracts neighborhood regulars hopping off the Blue Line at Western Avenue for a quick, cheap dinner. The catch? Fries are an extra \$2.95. Considering that a full-size burger is \$7.95 and most domestic bottles are \$3, it's still a bargain.

The beer: Think domestic—MGD, Miller Lite or PBR bottles

Total cost: \$4
Savings: \$6.95 (if you skip the fries)

\$2 burgers, \$3 drafts

When & where: Mondays at **SoPo** (3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100)

The burger: If you like to dress up your burger, this Lakeview spot has you covered. With tons of toppings, you can build your own burger or select one of the recommendations, such as the Greek, topped with cucumbers, feta and tzatziki. The burger (regularly \$10) comes with homemade chips, but you can swap in fries or a salad for \$1.

The beer: Choose from Miller, Amstel, Blue Moon, Goose Island and other standards on tap

Total cost: \$5
Savings: \$10

\$12 burger and beer

When & where: Thursdays at **Feast** (1616 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-7100; 25 E. Delaware Pl. 312-337-4001)

The burger: Topped with applewood-smoked bacon and white cheddar, the Feast burger is good enough to stand alone but comes with crispy fries. Sound like a deal you can't pass up? Bring your friends too. The original Feast in Bucktown is a comfortable, laid-back spot for a group, and the new Gold Coast location, opening this week in the former Cru space, promises to be just as inviting.

The beer: Take your pick of brews from the likes of Bell's, Rogue, Three Floyds and more on tap

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mon 16 Executive decision
Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard St. 312-645-6000.
If you're wondering what it's like to dine like the commander in chief, here's your chance to find out. Make an executive decision and head to **Presidents' Day at Rockit Bar & Grill**, where executive chef James Gottwald recreates the recipe for the seafood stew served at President Obama's inaugural luncheon (\$20.09). Finish up with a George Washington-inspired cherry pie pocket for an extra buck. Wash it down with select half-price wine. 11:30 a.m. No cover.

Here's to U.S.
Delilah's, 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.
Feeling optimistic about our president but still reluctant to throw caution (and your budget) to the wind? Celebrate the U.S. in a wallet-friendly way during **Presidents' Day at Delilah's**, where American beer cans cost a Washington (\$1), Jim Beam shots cost a Jefferson (\$2), a game of pool costs nothing and DJ Greg spins American punk rock. 9 p.m. No cover.

A new twist
Flourish Studios, 3020 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-8140.
Does Monday's frantic pace leave you in need of some major stress relief? Unwind at Flourish's weekly **open yoga class** for all levels taught by certified instructor Trisha Kenny. 6:30 p.m. \$10.

tue 17 Independents' day
Sonotheque, 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.
Network and socialize with professional and aspiring directors, producers, actors and filmmakers at **Indie Flicks**, which features screenings of "To Live and Die in Dixie" by Harlan Philbin and short works including "Kalpana" by Mihir Desai and "Lost and Found" by Zach Litwack. A DJ kicks things off. 6 p.m. \$7.

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Drinks Over Dearborn, 650 N. Dearborn St. 2nd Floor. 773-528-4673.
Get "crafty" at the **Windy City Social Wine and Beer Tasting**, where you can sample craft brews such as a peachy Belgian-style ale from Italian brewer Birrificio Montegioco along with Italian vintages like Marchesi di Gresy Martinenga Barbaresco. Appetizers prepared by Sakura Private Dining owner (and former Charlie Trotter sous chef) Jeremy Bingardner include bocconcini cheese balls with arrabiata sauce, pumpkin fritters with white truffle aioli, espresso custard and more. 6 p.m. \$25-\$35.

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ALHAMBRA PALACE RESTAURANT
Industry Night. Half-price appetizers in the bar, \$3 cocktails, domestic beers and glasses of house wine, \$5 mojitos, 15 percent off dinner entrees; 1240 W. Randolph St. 312-666-9555.

BLUE LINE
\$2 PBR, Old Style, Miller Lite and Bud Light bottles, \$3 house wine; 1548 N. Damen Ave. 773-395-3700.

BUTTERFLY SOCIAL CLUB
8 p.m.: Mental Graffiti. The poetry collective hosts an open mic featuring nationally and locally recognized spoken word artists and slam poets. Also, get \$3 Half Acre Ales and \$5 vodka cocktails. \$5 (21+); 722 W. Grand Ave. 312-666-1695.

THE FLAT IRON
\$5 for a house shot and a select beer; 1565 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-365-9000.

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Monday night viewing parties

BAR DEVILLE

7 p.m.: "Gossip Girl" viewing party. Watch the show on TVs throughout the bar while sipping themed cocktails, \$2 PBR cans and \$4 well drinks. No cover; 701 N. Damen Ave. 312-929-2349.

KIRKWOOD BAR & GRILL

7 p.m.: Jack Bauer Power Hour. Watch the TV show "24" over \$8 Miller Lite pitchers and \$2.40 Miller Lite and Coors Light drafts. No cover; 2934 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-770-0700.

GASLIGHT BAR AND GRILLE
\$3 burger with first beer purchase, \$12 Goose Island 312 buckets; 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-929-7759.

INNJOY
25 cent wings (minimum six), \$2.50 Miller High Life and Miller Lite bottles, \$4 Jameson shots; 2051 W. Division St. 773-394-2066.

JUNIOR'S SPORTS LOUNGE
\$3.50 microbrew and import drafts, \$1 tacos; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

LINCOLN STATION
\$3.50 draft of the month, 25 cent jumbo wings, \$2.50 featured beer pints, \$14 Bud buckets; 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8100.

MINIBAR | WINEBAR
\$1 bruschetta (5-7 p.m.), \$5 champagne cocktails; 3339-41 N. Halsted St. 773-871-6227.

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\$2 Miller Lite and High Life bottles, \$5 Plymouth gin cocktails, \$8 Jamaican pulled pork sandwiches; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

MYSTIC CELT
\$3.50 Blue Moon and Smithwick's pints, half-price appetizers and bottles of wine; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

THE ORBIT ROOM
\$2 PBR drafts, half-price wings; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

PADDY MAC'S
\$3 beer of the month,

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PIECE
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37 percent discount on all food 3-7 p.m.; 601 N. State St. 312-266-7677.

REAGLE BEAGLE
\$5 raspberry martinis; 160 E. Grand Ave. 312-755-9645.

ROSCOE'S TAVERN
\$2.50 Bud, Bud Light and Bud Light Lime bottles, \$6 frozen cocktails, \$6 grape bombs, \$12 Stoli Blakberi lemonade pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

SALUD TEQUILA LOUNGE
\$5 caipirinhas, \$5 Macho Burracho tequila burgers; 1471 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-5577.

SILVER CLOUD BAR & GRILL
\$5 martinis; 1700 N. Damen Ave. 773-489-6212.

SULLY'S HOUSE TAP ROOM AND GRILL
\$1 tacos, \$2 select drafts; 1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779.

THEORY
\$5 burgers, \$20 import

buckets; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

TOWN HALL PUB
\$1 Kamikazes, \$2 PBR drafts, \$3 well drinks, \$5 Long Islands, \$7 jalapeno bloody marys; 3340 N. Halsted Ave. 773-472-4405.

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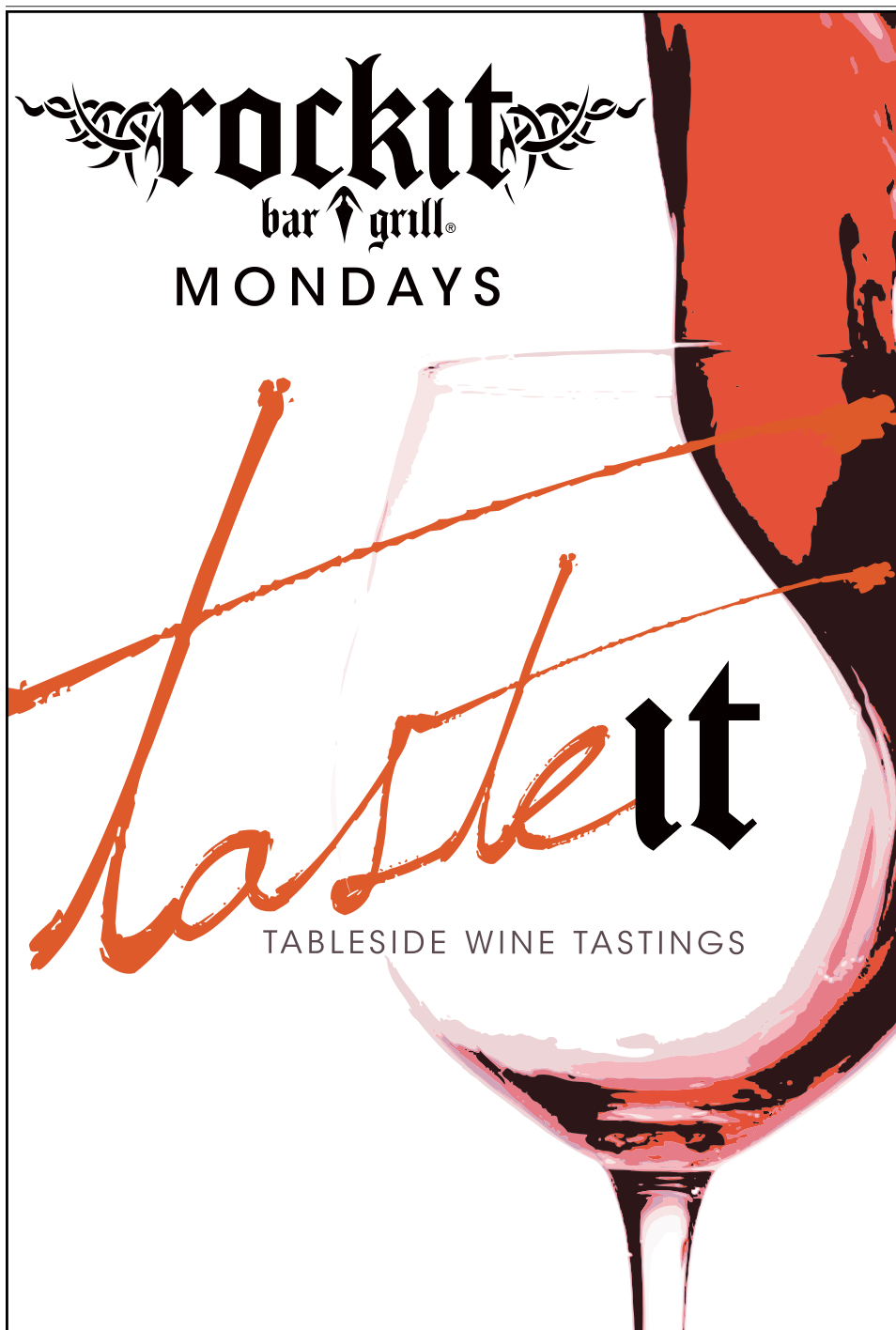
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Consumers taking vinyl for spin

The Hartford Courant

As album sales plummeted in 2008 for the seventh time in eight years, there was one bright spot for a music industry still in love with physical products: Sales of vinyl records increased by nearly 90 percent.

That's right, they still make vinyl.

Consumers bought almost 1.9 million new LPs in 2008, the most since Nielsen SoundScan started keeping track in 1991. That's a mere fraction of the total music sold in 2008—1.5 billion units, which accounts for albums, singles, digital tracks and music videos. But it's a strong showing for a format thought to have begun its death spiral with the introduction of the compact disc 25 years ago.

Actually, the dominance of digital music is part of what has sparked a resurgent interest in vinyl, say some in the music industry.

"Ultimately, I think in some form it is a backlash against technology," says Jack Tieleman, who owns the small Canadian label Lance Rock. "There is something special about having to look after your purchase."

Tieleman, whose label has put out vinyl editions of CD releases by country-noir singer Neko Case, stopped making compact discs five years ago to focus on LPs.

It's not just indie labels that are keeping vinyl alive. EMI has been reissuing some of the most revered records on its Capitol and Virgin labels, including albums by the Beatles, Roxy Music and Radiohead, along with new albums by Brian Wilson and Glen Campbell.

The full Ben Harper catalog is due out on wax in February, and EMI plans to rerelease albums by the Beach Boys and selections from its Blue Note jazz label later in 2009.

Each LP is remastered and pressed on 180-gram audiophile-quality vinyl and, in the case of older albums, the label re-creates the original packaging, down to stickers and posters.

The reissues are attracting music fans of all ages, says Jason Boyd, senior director of catalog sales at EMI.

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MAINTASTIC STYLE

NEW FASHION TRENDS MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR SOME MEN

By Kyra Kyles

REDEYE

When Muhammad Shabazz steps out, he does it with style.

An assortment of sneakers, rings and eye-glasses set off his wardrobe, the 28-year-old marketing executive and party promoter told RedEye.

Vivid color also is key to what Shabazz calls “his look,” a fusion of street gear and high fashion.

“I’m a darker-skinned brother, so most tones work with me,” Shabazz, who lives in Woodlawn, said of his colorful couture. “I’m secure in myself. Real men can wear pink.”

Shabazz is one of a number of local men who said they feel more comfortable expressing their individuality through increasingly edgy wardrobes.

An increasing investment in personal style is a trend that Bucktown boutique co-owner Sarah Blessing is seeing more of in her store, Apartment Number 9, where former Levi’s loyalists are trying out pricey denim and tighter-fitting jeans.

“Guys are much more vain than ever before,” Blessing said. “They come in, try on clothes and stand in the mirror for, like, hours trying to get the right look, and they are much more willing to try new things.”

Yet despite more freedom in fashion, locals say there are lines they still won’t cross—shapewear and man bags, to name a few.

There’s even a fancy-man backlash growing within the rap community as white T’s and baggy jeans are giving way to scarves, fitted clothes and eclectic color. A two-part viral video called “The Facts”—released by an underground South Side artist—lambastes rappers including Kanye West, Pharrell Williams, Snoop Dogg and even T.I. for wearing skinny jeans, tight T-shirts and “glitter” belts.

The level of vitriol in the video is uncalled for, according to Mikkel Nance, a 28-year-old educator and rapper who lives in Chatham.

“Clothes are an expression of how you feel, and nobody can put you in a box,” said Nance, known by rap moniker Mikkey Halsted. He wears \$400 denim and Supra sneakers “you won’t find at Foot Locker.”



Mikkel Nance enjoys wearing \$400 denim and Supra sneakers “you won’t find at Foot Locker,” but he stops short of body-sculpting shirts. **NOLAN WELLS FOR REDEYE**

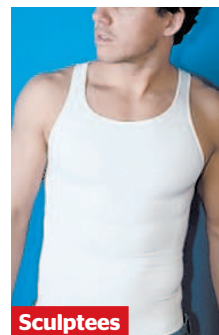
But Nance acknowledged there are certain items he wouldn’t add to his wardrobe, despite the daring of locals-turned-style icons including West and Lupe Fiasco, who rock European- and skater-influenced looks,

respectively.

So RedEye took a pulse-check on what’s popping in menswear, and made note of what local men said about whether they’d wear the more fashion-forward offerings.

Sculpt your six-pack?

The men RedEye talked to wanted to look good in their clothes, but none were quite ready for Sculptees, a brand-new product that could hit Chicago stores in coming months, according to its creator, Stephanie Thibaux.



Sculptees

Sculptees—which look like regular undershirts and ribbed tank tops—provide a light hold, according to Houston-based Thibaux, who said she created the product after her husband complained that men didn’t have shapewear options comparable to Spanx for women.

“I thought heavier men would want this product,” said Thibaux, who said she officially began selling Sculptees in January. “But we’re finding that men who work out, and that includes my husband, buy it because it’s comfortable and gives you that ‘just worked out’ look.”

Sculptees range in price from \$38 to \$78, according to Thibaux who said sales started slowly but have been brisk over the last month. Chatham’s Nance, a.k.a. Mikkey Halsted, said he would stop short of firming undergarments.

“I’m already in good shape and I can’t see myself in anything in any way restraining,” Nance said. “... There’s nothing wrong with having a beer belly.”

In living color

Don’t be scurred of the dark gray scarf with hot pink tassels at Apartment Number 9, Blessing said. Increasingly, customers at the men’s clothing boutique are embracing vibrant colors.

“We’ll see a guy wander over to a blue shirt, then see the lavender next to it and realize that color would look good with his suit too,” said Blessing, who, along with her sister Amy, own and operate two other stores of the same name in Santa Monica and Beverly Hills, Calif.

Lavenders and pinks are particularly hot right now, according to Willie Hearn, a stylist and owner at the Austin neighborhood men’s boutique Another Fashion, Inc. “My clients are getting adventurous,” he said.

STAR STYLE

Who's on the cutting edge of men's style? Check out an all-star lineup of men who dress to impress.

DAVID BECKHAM

1 Victoria Beckham's gun-shaped heels and oversized hats are overshadowing hubby David's duds of late, but Mr. Beckham is the king of ever-changing hairstyles and an eclectic wardrobe ranging from "tight Armani suits to de-constructed jeans to flashy rhinestone-encrusted tracksuits," the Associated Press noted.

SHWAYZE

2 More striking than his laid-back lyrics in "Corona & Lime" was the super-snug fit of the Malibu MC's jeans, which even inspired a Yahoo! Answers question about what the style was, and a YouTube comment from a female fan who lamented he looked "better in tight jeans than I do."

KANYE WEST

3 West's penchant for tighter-fitting jeans, what could be described as Michael Jackson jackets and a semi-mullet have the blogs all abuzz. Some locals are impressed with his worldly wardrobe, including Woodlawn's Muhammad Shabazz, though he said West may be pushing it at this point. "He's going more Euro, but that's smart from a marketing perspective," Muhammad, a marketing and promotions professional, said.

PETE WENTZ

4 Wentz launched his own clothing line, Clandestine, and has expressed a desire to see men's fashion compete more creatively with women's. He definitely is fashion forward, though some think he skirts the line. Even Kanye, his partner in collaboration and style, cheerfully mocked the tightness of Wentz's and his bandmates' pants on the "Arms Race" remix.

KYRA KYLES

GETTY IMAGES



Justin Tranter, a Chicago native-turned-New Yorker, said he, his friends and bandmates are fans of colorful scarves layered over one another to striking effect. Tranter, 28, said Mexican and Native American prints are making their way into men's fashion.

"It's a way to put something into your outfit that makes people take notice," said Tranter, the frontman for the rock band Semi Precious Weapons and a jewelry designer. "I do loud prints and mix and match."

But bright colors don't necessarily call out to Salvador Castaneda, 30, who lives in Lakeview.

"If those bright colors go out of style, you wouldn't have many places to wear it," Castaneda told RedEye during a recent shopping trip at a downtown Nordstrom. "I also think neutral colors are easier to combine to make different outfits."

Head for the heels

Colorful gym shoes are big with a number of guys who gabbed with RedEye, but one interviewee takes footwear to new heights—literally.

Former Chicagoan Tranter described his style as a mix between "a guy and a girl," particularly when it comes to his two new pairs of custom-made, 4-inch heeled boots.

"They make my legs look better, my line longer and they build an awesome, memorable silhouette," Tranter, 28, said of the shoes. The rocker—whose jewelry line features necklaces with gold, platinum and silver charms—has gotten his bandmates to wear his baubles. But they balk at even the idea of boots, let alone a heeled pair.

"They're really dudes," Tranter said with a laugh. "They love sneakers."

Tranter said men are becoming more fash-

ion forward, but he doesn't see a future in which they head for the heels.

"It's kind of sad because it does make you look better," Tranter said. "Plus, the most macho men in the world are cowboys and they wear 2-inch heels nearly every day of their lives."

Have nurse-y

The closest you'll currently get to a nurse at Apartment Number 9 is a red leather item recently displayed near the shoe section. But the bag is for bikers, Blessing said with a giggle. "We don't really get a lot of demand for men's bags here," Blessing said.

Seconding that notion is Woodlawn's Shabazz, who said it was "OK for Kanye" but not him.

"The farthest I would probably go is a Coach wallet that hangs off a belt," Shabazz

said. "But if you aren't traveling, you probably don't have enough stuff to justify a man bag. If I need to carry around that much stuff, I'll get a briefcase ... something with a handle."

Equally unimpressed by the possible nurse movement was 21-year-old Mark Munoz, who called it "silly."

"I'd never carry a purse for a guy," Munoz, who lives in Manteno, told RedEye when asked about the trend. "I'd carry a bookbag."

Tranter, who rocks a man bag, said he anticipated strange looks when he traveled here for a show Wednesday. Not so in the Big Apple.

"Men carry bags—nice, weathered and masculine-looking ones—in New York all the time," Tranter said. "Not so much in Chicago, though. I don't really think you need one if you're just carrying a wallet and cell [phone]. Me, I'm carrying around a full makeup bag, necklaces and CDs." **KKYLES@TRIBUNE.COM**

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Feb. 19-March 20

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Aries

March 21-April 19

Sparks will fly as you strike up a conversation with somebody, and unexpected chemistry kicks in. The moon is creating fabulous opportunities for flirtation with strangers, colleagues and neighbors. Seize the moment.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

A relationship has had its shares of ups and downs, and this week, you could experience more downs. Venus is making you cranky. You have a serious grudge on your shoulder. Why won't your partner put the toilet seat down? Why does she insist on adopting more cats?



Gemini

May 21-June 21

Jupiter has you making plans to take over the world. You're in an ambitious mood, so don't let anything spoil it. Sure, there are dates you could go on, but don't you owe it to yourself to focus on your stuff for once?



Cancer

June 22-July 22

It's time to make a move. As the sun moves into a friendly sign, you'll feel braver than you have in months. Call up that cutie who gave you her business card at a Christmas party. E-mail that hottie who travels a lot and tell him to look you up when he's in town.



Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

As four planets align opposite your sign, you're wondering if the gods are out to get you. Your

love life sucks and it's not your fault. Work is boring. You hate where you live. Invest in some positive distraction this week. You need it.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

February is a time of stops and starts for you, and as the sun moves opposite your sign, it could be mostly stops. Don't pursue situations that are dead-ends. If that guy refuses to ask you out or that girl is ignoring you, find some other fish in the sea.



Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You'll have the opportunity to shine as Mars increases your charisma. If you have to give a presentation, you'll win your audience over. If you're asking somebody out, you'll charm him or her with your sexy sense of humor.



Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 21

Emotions always run deep with you. You can't just live at a superficial level. Right now someone is interested in you, but you can't tell if it's real or just a casual thing. The sun is reminding you that you've got nothing to lose by checking it out.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Uranus continues to create melodrama and situations of high strangeness. Your boyfriend has decided to join a monastery. Your girlfriend has figured out what she wants to do with her life, and she's becoming a llama groomer.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You have high standards when it comes to relationships, but don't let them be so high that you end up alone. Venus is reminding you that nobody is perfect, not even you. Re-examine that romance with potential and realize you could make it work.

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that turn

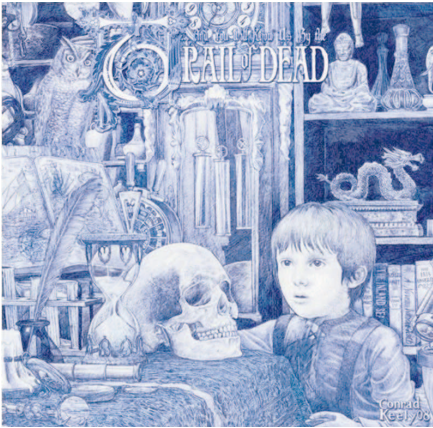
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And You Will Know Us By The Trail of Dead

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■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) 11:40,2:00,4:30,7:00,9:30
■ The Uninvited (PG-13) 11:15,1:30,3:40,6:15,8:30,11:00
■ Underworld (R) 12:10,2:30,5:00,7:40,10:00
■ Notorious (R) 12:45,9:45
■ Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 11:50,2:45,5:45,8:15,10:50
■ AMC Select Gran Torino (R) 4:00,6:45

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
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■ The Class (NR) 11:50,3:10,6:30,9:45
■ Che: Part One (NR) 11:00,2:05,5:10
■ Revo Road (R) 11:10,2:00,4:50,7:45,10:30
■ The Reader (R) 12:00,3:15,6:45,10:00
■ Milk (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:20
■ Slumdog Mill (R) 11:00,1:45,4:40,7:40,8:45,10:30
■ Doubt (PG-13) 11:05,1:55,4:45,7:35,10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.
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■ Friday the 13th (R) ★ 11:00,11:50,1:30,2:30,4:05,5:10,6:30,7:50,9:10,10:30
■ International (R) ★ 9:50,12:30,3:20,6:10,9:30
■ Confess-Shop (PG) ★ 10:20,1:10,4:30,7:20,10:10
■ He's Just Not (PG-13) ★ 10:10,1:00,3:50,6:50,9:50
■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 11:30,12:20,2:20,2:50,4:50,5:20,7:40,10:15
■ Push (PG-13) ★ 10:15,12:50,3:30,6:20,9:20
■ Coraline 3D (PG) ★ 10:00,12:40,3:40,7:00,10:00
■ The Uninvited (PG-13) ★ 7:10,9:45
■ Taken (PG-13) 10:30,12:45,3:00,5:30,8:15,10:40
■ Underworld (R) 6:40,9:00
■ Hotel for Dogs (PG) 10:40,1:20,4:10
■ Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 11:20,1:50,4:20,7:15,9:40
■ My Bloody Val (R) 11:10,2:10,5:00,8:00,10:45
■ Gran Torino (R) 10:50,1:40,4:40,7:30,10:20

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

■ International (R) ★ 11:50,2:20,4:50,7:20,9:50
■ He's Just Not (PG-13) ★ 11:45,2:15,4:50,7:40,10:10
■ Slumdog Mill (R) 12:20,2:45,5:10,7:30,10:00
■ Doubt (PG-13) 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:15,9:30

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

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■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) 11:50,2:20,4:50,7:20,9:40
■ Push (PG-13) 11:55,2:40,5:10,7:45,10:15
■ Coraline (PG) 11:00,1:30,4:10,7:00,9:30
■ Taken (PG-13) 10:50,1:05,3:20,5:40,8:00,10:05
■ The Uninvited (PG-13) 11:10,1:20,3:40,5:50,8:10,10:10
■ Underworld (R) 11:40,4:45,9:50
■ Hotel for Dogs (PG) 10:55,1:15,3:25,5:40
■ Notorious (R) 2:00,6:55
■ Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 10:55,1:10,3:15,5:30,7:50,10:05
■ My Bloody Val (R) 8:00,10:15

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

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■ Ballerina (NR) 6:00,7:45
■ Sing a Song (NR) 6:00
■ Maids of Wilko (NR) 8:00

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

■ Hotel for Dogs (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:10,8:20
■ Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2:05,5:05,8:05
■ Bedtime Stories (PG) 2:10,4:20,6:25,8:30
■ Twilight (PG-13) 2:10,6:20
■ Yes Man (PG-13) 4:25,8:40

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

■ The Wrestler (R) 5:15,7:30,9:45
■ Animated (NR) 7:20 P.M.
■ Live Actio (NR) 5:10,9:30

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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■ AMC Select Fanboys (PG-13) 11:00,1:10,3:15,5:25,7:35
■ AMC Select The Wrestler (R) 11:25,2:00,4:30,7:00,7:55
■ AMC Select Waltz-Bashir (R) 11:10,1:30,3:40,5:45,8:00
■ AMC Select Rachel Getting (R) 11:40,2:25,5:10

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street
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■ Friday the 13th (R) 10:00,11:00,12:40,1:40,3:30,4:30,6:20,7:20,9:10,10:10
■ Confess-Shop (PG) 10:45,11:45,1:45,2:45,4:45,5:45,7:45,8:45,10:45
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■ Taken (PG-13) 10:05,12:20,5:50,8:20,10:40
■ AMC Select Milk (R) 11:15,2:15,5:10,8:05
■ New in Town (PG) 1:20 P.M.
■ AMC Select Revo Road (R) 10:30,1:35,4:35,7:35,10:30
■ AMC Select Frost/Nixon (R) 10:25,1:35,5:05,7:55,10:50
■ AMC Select Slumdog Mill (R) 10:10,11:10,2:05,4:00,5:00,7:15,8:15,10:25
■ Underworld (R) 9:30 P.M.
■ AMC Select The Wrestler (R) 10:55,1:50,4:50,7:50,10:50
■ AMC Select Defiance (R) 4:15,7:25
■ AMC Select The Reader (R) 11:05,2:00,4:55,7:45,10:35
■ AMC Select Gran Torino (R) 10:05,1:10,10:35
■ Benjamin Button (PG-13) 10:35,2:30,6:15,10:00
■ AMC Select Doubt (PG-13) 10:40,1:25,4:10,6:50

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
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■ Friday the 13th (R) ★ 12:00,1:30,2:30,4:00,5:10,6:30,7:40,9:10,10:00
■ International (R) ★ 12:20,3:30,7:00,10:05
■ Confess-Shop (PG) ★ 12:10,1:00,2:40,4:10,5:20,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:10
■ He's Just Not (PG-13) ★ 12:40,1:20,3:40,4:20,6:40,7:20,9:40,10:15
■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) ★ 11:45,1:20,2:20,3:50,4:45,6:20,8:50
■ Push (PG-13) ★ 2:00,5:00,7:45,10:20
■ Coraline 3D (PG) ★ 11:40,2:10,4:50,7:30,9:55
■ The Uninvited (PG-13) ★ 12:50,3:10,6:05,8:20,10:30
■ Taken (PG-13) 1:40,4:40,7:10,8:00,9:30,10:25
■ Underworld (R) 7:15,9:45
■ Hotel for Dogs (PG) 11:50,2:50,5:30
■ Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 11:30,1:50,4:15,6:45,9:00
■ Benjamin Button (PG-13) 12:15,4:30,8:10
■ Slumdog Mill (R) 12:30,3:20,6:10,9:15

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

■ International (R) ★ 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
■ Confess-Shop (PG) ★ 10:15,11:20,1:00,2:00,3:45,4:50,6:40,7:40,9:20,10:20
■ He's Just Not (PG-13) ★ 10:20,11:15,12:30,1:20,2:15,3:30,4:20,5:15,6:30,7:20,8:15,9:30,10:15
■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) ★ 11:30,1:50,4:30,6:50,9:15
■ Taken (PG-13) 10:45,1:30,4:00,7:00,10:00
■ Benjamin Button (PG-13) 11:00,2:40,6:10,9:45
■ Gran Torino (R) 11:10,2:20,5:00,7:50,10:40
■ Frost/Nixon (R) 10:30,1:40,4:40,7:30,10:30

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
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■ International (R) ★ 10:10,12:50,3:50,6:40,9:40
■ Confess-Shop (PG) ★ 10:45,1:40,4:10,7:00,9:20
■ He's Just Not (PG-13) ★ 10:00,1:00,3:45,6:45,9:45
■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) ★ 10:20,1:10,3:40,6:10,9:15
■ Coraline (PG) ★ 11:20,2:10,4:40,7:10,9:50
■ Push (PG-13) ★ 10:50,1:45,4:30,7:30,10:15
■ The Uninvited (PG-13) ★ 11:40,2:20,4:50,7:20,10:10
■ Taken (PG-13) 10:15,12:40,3:30,6:20,9:00
■ Underworld (R) 10:40,1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30
■ Hotel for Dogs (PG) 11:10,2:00,4:45,7:15
■ Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 2:40,5:10,7:40,10:05
■ The Unborn (PG-13) 9:55 P.M.

OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street
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■ Confess-Shop (PG) 12:10,2:30,4:50,7:10,9:30
■ International (R) 11:50,2:20,4:55,7:30,10:05
■ Coraline 3D (PG) 12:15,2:30,4:45,7:00,9:15
■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) 12:00,1:40,2:50,6:30,8:40
■ He's Just Not (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,7:05,9:50
■ Taken (PG-13) 1:05,3:15,5:25,7:35,9:45
■ Slumdog Mill (R) 2:00,4:40,7:20,10:00

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 MAPLE AVE.
(847)492-0123 &

■ Confess-Shop (PG) ★ 11:40,2:20,4:50,7:20,9:55
■ Friday the 13th (R) ★ 11:25,12:45,1:55,3:15,4:25,5:40,7:00,8:05,9:30,10:40
■ International (R) ★ 2:00,4:45,7:35,10:30
■ Coraline (PG) ★ 11:45,2:25,4:55,7:30,10:00
■ Frost/Nixon (R) 1:40,4:40,7:30,10:20
■ Gran Torino (R) 1:50,4:35,7:20,10:05
■ He's Just Not (PG-13) ★ 12:50,4:05,7:15,10:20
■ Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1:15,4:15
■ Milk (R) 7:05,10:10
■ Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 12:20,2:40,5:20,7:40,10:05
■ Pink Panther 2 (PG) ★ 11:35,2:05,4:35,6:50,9:25
■ Push (PG-13) ★ 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:25
■ Slumdog Mill (R) 1:20,4:10,7:00,9:50
■ Taken (PG-13) 12:40,3:05,5:30,7:55,10:15
■ The Class (NR) ★ 1:00,4:00,7:10,10:10
■ Benjamin Button (PG-13) 1:00,4:40,8:20
■ The Wrestler (R) 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:25
■ Underworld (R) 12:35,2:55,10:15
■ Waltz-Bashir (R) 3:00,7:50

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Over and out






Believe it or not, this week is the final countdown for Conan O'Brien. The Red Headed One ends his "Late Night" run on Friday before taking over for Jay Leno on the "Tonight" show in June. Only five more days of O'Brien behind the "Late Night" desk remain before Jimmy Fallon takes over the show March 2. So how will O'Brien pass the time? Let's take a peek at his planner.



	MONDAY Feb. 16	TUESDAY Feb. 17	WEDNESDAY Feb. 18	THURSDAY Feb. 19	FRIDAY Feb. 20
9 ^{AM}	Ask Max about getting Springsteen to play the show this week.				
10 ^{AM}			Retire the "In the Year 2000" bit.		
11 ^{AM}		See what Andy Richter is up to. Ask self: "What ever happened to that guy?"		Start working on cheesy jokes for "Tonight Show" crowd.	
12 ^{PM}	Seek spiritual guidance from FedEx pope.				
1 ^{PM}			Interview California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in person. Ask him about sales for the smash hit holiday classic "Jingle All the Way."	Revist the "Walker, Texas Ranger" archives.	Rock out with The White Stripes.
2 ^{PM}		Take the desk for a drive around the studio.			
3 ^{PM}					
4 ^{PM}					Leave a note for Jimmy Fallon. Ask him not to giggle too much during the monologues.
5 ^{PM}	Tell off David Letterman.	Tell off Craig Ferguson.	Tell off Jimmy Kimmel.		

SEEING STARS

O'Brien has a bang-up schedule of visitors planned for his last week behind the "Late Night" desk. Here's a list of the announced guests so far.

10 ^{PM}	 Bob Saget (left), musical guest the-newno2	 Jason Sudeikis	 Nathan Lane	 Jerry Seinfeld (left), Craig Bierko	 Musical guest The White Stripes
11 ^{PM}					
12 ^{AM}					

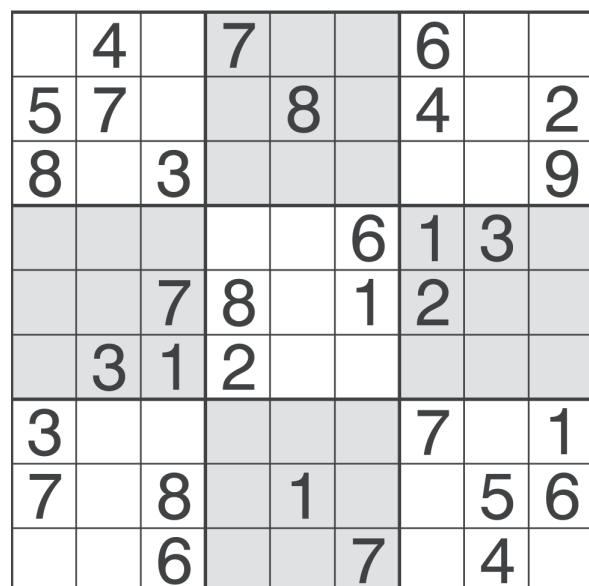
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SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

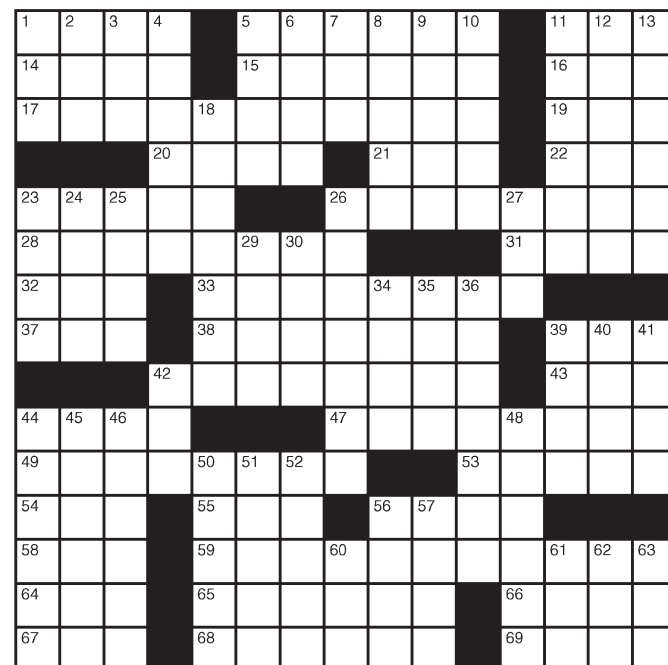
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ACROSS

- 1 One Baldwin
- 5 Wild party
- 11 \$ player
- 14 "Magic Moments" singer
- 15 Mario Puzo book
- 16 Biddy
- 17 Golf events
- 19 Lofty poem
- 20 Childhood prohibition
- 21 Tennis grouping
- 22 Auction offer
- 23 Haughty look
- 26 Air-to-ground attacking
- 28 Decimal part of a logarithm
- 31 Pile up leaves
- 32 Quaint
- 33 Convulsive condition
- 37 Neon, for one
- 38 Pygmalion's statue
- 39 SASE, e.g.
- 42 Rhythm instrument
- 43 Neighbor of Swed.
- 44 "Charles in Charge" star
- 47 Butterfly in Bogota
- 49 Envelops
- 53 Repair a hem
- 54 Slugger's stat
- 55 King topper
- 56 Send out
- 58 Jolson and Gore
- 59 Brains social system
- 64 PGA peg
- 65 Actress Brigitte
- 66 Isle of exile
- 67 Harris and Wynn
- 68 Whoever
- 69 Speech defect

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- 1 Play part
- 2 London W.C.
- 3 Outback bird
- 4 Trumpet's cousin
- 5 Horse shade



- 6 Rounds and clips
- 7 Two-finger sign
- 8 Painter Max
- 9 State
- 10 Ziti or orzo
- 11 Irrational dread
- 12 Debit fluid
- 13 Tense
- 18 Panamanian dictator
- 23 Smoky-fog
- 24 Zilch
- 25 Conclusions
- 26 Deep bows

- 27 Young fish
- 29 Hot tubs
- 30 Sandy deposit
- 34 Sicilian smoker
- 35 Gaze
- 36 Mock-heroic
- 39 Eve's grandson
- 40 Nuzzle
- 41 Bird's crop
- 42 Murmur
- 44 Tongue-lash
- 45 Meandered
- 46 Large wading birds

- 48 Stormy seabird
- 50 Brazilian dance
- 51 Watery expanse
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- 56 Stiff collar
- 57 Small speck
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RED ALERT

How high can you go? Pretty high, if the hem line on actress Amanda Bynes' dress is any indication. Bynes' getup—worn at a Friday show during New York Fashion Week—has gotten plenty of buzz since. She's got legs, folks, and she knows how to use them.

Brown
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In his words

One week after his arrest, Chris Brown spoke out for the first time Sunday, saying he is "sorry and saddened" over the allegations that he hit pop star girlfriend Rihanna, the AP reports.

In a statement issued through his publicist, the 19-year-old star said he was seeking counseling from his pastor and loved ones. He added, "Much of what has been speculated or reported on blogs and/or reported

in the media is wrong." But he didn't elaborate, citing the ongoing criminal investigation into what happened.

Meanwhile, Rihanna will be "all right," her father, Ronald Fenty, told People magazine. Fenty said he wouldn't tell his daughter what to do, but, "If it were me, I'd move on."

MTV announced it will air a special, "Chris Brown & Rihanna: Love in Trouble," scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday.

THE VELVET ROPE

She's crafty

Watch out Martha Stewart—you have some domestic competition from Amy Sedaris. In an interview with RedEye, the comic actress, who wrote "I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence," said she's planning a crafts book. "It's going to be like crafts for poor people. ... You've got holes in your pants and you don't have needle and thread? Just put magic marker behind it." Sweet! >> For more on Sedaris, go to redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



Sedaris

Mom.I.A.

Mamma M.I.A.! The "Paper Planes" rapper announced on her MySpace blog Saturday that she has given birth to a son. She says the baby is "healthy, fine, beautiful" and jokes that the two are working together on a tour, the AP reports. M.I.A. was due to deliver on the day she performed live at the Grammys. She says she started going into labor just hours after she was on stage. So we just missed a second miracle at the Grammys other than Robert Plant and Alison Krauss somehow winning album of the year—not that we're still bitter.

Sick day

It apparently wasn't a happy Valentine's Day for Lindsay Lohan and gal pal Samantha Ronson, who canceled a club gig in South Florida at the last minute, **people.com** reported. A rep for the club said the duo were out late partying Friday in NYC and Ronson was too sick to travel Saturday. The New York Daily News gave a more cynical account, reporting that the two got into a fight. Ronson told People she was under doctor's orders not to fly, adding: "Any reports otherwise are false and unfair."

Gabriel, out

Rocker Peter Gabriel has a message to Oscars producers who want him to perform a 65-second snippet of his song "Down To Earth" from "WALL-E": "In ... your ... dreams." The light, er, the heat began when Gabriel was informed the song would be shortened and made part of a medley. Gabriel, in protest, announced he won't perform, the AP reports.

Oh, the horror!

With its \$42.2 million opening-weekend take at the box office, "Friday the 13th" broke the record for the horror genre. Which movie held the record at a \$39.1 million debut? Text "**horror**" and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get a text back telling you whether you got it right.

1) The Grudge 2) The Ring 3) Texas Chainsaw Massacre 4) Grindhouse

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THE DIGIT

\$42.2 million

The cut—get it?—of box office money that Jason Voorhees took over Valentine's Day weekend, making his story in "Friday the 13th" the No. 1 movie of the weekend.



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